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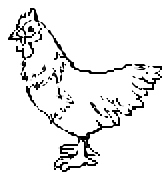
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mixed, mostly unchanged when compared to prior week's values. Trade sentiment was overall no better than steady. Demand was seasonally slow to fair, trading light as interest continued to focus on other meat items for upcoming holiday. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle minimal requirements. In the parts structure, trading was fair at best, strongest for holiday needs. Wings were in best balance and clearing well, and the remaining items were at least adequate and frequently discounted to help move additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/18/02-11/23/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	45.00-49.00	47.50	8	50.10	24
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.14	42	45.41	84
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	48.59	17
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.22	9
Denver	66.50	66.47	17	64.43	23
Detroit	42.00-44.00	43.64	11	49.53	37
Los Angeles	67.00	64.92	65	62.66	139
New York	45.00-48.00	46.95	22	48.57	50
Philadelphia	46.00-48.00	47.18	11	45.67	23
Pittsburgh	45.00-48.00	46.92	12	52.06	59
St. Louis	42.00-43.25	42.50	16	44.86	34
San Francisco	67.50	66.30	30	68.27	45

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	11/18/02	Change/Last Wk	11/11/02	11/19/01
544	53.31	0.30	53.01	58.26

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	47.00-49.00	48.00	28
Central	44.00-52.00	49.25	62
West	45.00-61.50	57.55	50

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-61.50	61.04	83
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,097	40.00-65.20	60.92

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	166.00	1,389
BREASTS - B/S	128.00	4,953
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.50	1,138
THIGH MEAT - B/S	55.50	891
LEG QUARTERS	17.50	9,577
WINGS	48.00	3,475

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light to fair at best following the weekend. Offerings ranged adequate to ample with smaller sizes in the longest position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were readily available and competitively priced. Boneless skinless breast were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were clearing.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was seasonally unaggressive to fair with limited trading due to interest being focused on more traditional holiday items. Supplies were at least adequate to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was light. Wings were in the best position with supplies sufficient to closely cleared and moving well, and the remaining parts were more than sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady with trading for this week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Offerings were fully adequate with product under 3.5 pounds confidently held. Demand moderate by stores as needs were centered on traditional Thanksgiving Day items, restaurants fairly good. Dealers reported fair to heavier than desired weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 18.5-19.5 and 19.75-20.5 on 4/10s, bone in breast 72-78 and boneless 122-125, drumstick in the low 20s and boneless leg meat 55-57. The Los Angeles negotiated weighted WOG average price was 49.95 up 1.18 with the volume reported down 3 percent to 31 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower into St. Louis, unchanged elsewhere from Tuesday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings varied, but fully sufficient for limited buyer interest. Movement into all channels was light to fair, instances good into food service in the Chicago area. Best demand was into casual sitdown dining. Floor stocks adequate and held at minimum levels as traditional holiday items take precedence. Sizes desirable. Supplies fully available on light trading. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on wings and about steady on remaining items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light and spotty as buyers looked elsewhere for turkeys, hams and other items for the upcoming holiday. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and were more readily available on the smaller sizes at several points. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, all cuts were at least adequate. Bone-in breast remained in heavy supply.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	44-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.89
NO. OF BOXES	10,100

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair following the weekend as dealers made room for more traditional holiday items, and limited orders to immediate needs. Offerings of bone-in breasts were available and competitively priced. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Tenderloins were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts and tenders; about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	LBS
BREAST - B/S		120	123.92	293,950
TENDERLOINS		100-105	105.32	128,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS		56-57	64.89	139,080
BREAST - LINE RUN		56	55.81	130,600
LEGS		31-32	33.19	143,340
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		17-18	18.16	368,243
DRUMSTICKS		21-22	29.66	57,190
THIGHS		20-21	29.04	37,660
B/S THIGHS		62-63	63.82	47,760
WINGS (WHOLE)		41-42	46.00	172,950
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.15	40,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		30-35	32.20	6,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		55-60	63.76	17,440

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,449	105.00-130.00	115-120	116.72
TENDERLOINS	52	103.00-166.00	-	150.24
BREAST - WITH RIBS	232	55.00-82.00	57-59	60.75
FRONT HALVES	240	52.00-56.00	54-56	54.33
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,134	14.00-17.00	14-15	14.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,522	15.00-18.00	16-17	16.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	87	43.00-76.00	43-44	44.70
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,720	15.00-16.00	-	15.58

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/18	11/14	11/14	11/11	11/07
ALA	4,107	4,095	5.01	3435	5.08
ARK	5,300	5,277	4.88	5299	4.93
DELMARVA	2,333	2,263	5.06	2216	5.06
KY-LA-TN	1,694	1,953	4.64	1935	4.71
MISS	2,948	2,937	5.22	2865	5.19
NC	2,263	2,626	5.94	2336	5.97
TEXAS	2,447	2,454	4.81	2449	4.89
TOTAL	21,092	21,605	5.07	20535	5.11
MON	21,092(A)			20535(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Nov 2002 is estimated to be 31,556,000 up 2.40 percent from a week ago and up 3.99 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,815,000 last year 30,345,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	963	110.00-187.00	117-123	121.61
TENDERLOINS	148	105.00-179.00	105-110	116.90
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	65.50-75.00	68-70	71.00
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	90	19.00-33.00	19-20	21.15
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	13.00-18.00	13-14	14.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,369	15.00-24.00	17-19	18.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	44.00-49.00	46-48	47.96
WINGS (CUT)	352	56.00-62.00	56-58	57.31
DRUMSTICKS	68	33.00-46.00	-	34.53
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	55	49.00-57.50	-	52.09

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.005 - 37.50	33.64	34.42

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 18-NOV-2002 TO 22-MAY-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 132.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	59.00 - 82.00	60.00 - 65.00
LEGS	25.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 20.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	18.00 - 29.00	-
THIGHS	17.00 - 28.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	40.00 - 55.00	42.00 - 45.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 15.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 42.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-86
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-88
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-94
	DRY PACK	96-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	92-98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 15-NOV-2002
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-16.00	13.50-14.00	682,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.32	13.71		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-15.00	11.00-13.00	2,726,500	1,180,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	11.85		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 15-NOV-2002
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE		14.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-14.00	9.00-13.00	1,078,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.13	10.81		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Average prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand remained moderate, drawing fully adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were fair and were serviced by normal processing schedules. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-NOV-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.5	8-9	8.95

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-NOV-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-10	8.25-9	8.57
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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